

Tobacco leases dropped

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture will not restrict the timing of payments for the lease of flue-cured tobacco allotment and quota, when the crop is grown on the farm to which the allotment and quota are established. Everett Rank, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said that in such cases USDA will not require flue-cured tobacco producers to certify that none of the consideration for the lease has been paid until after the tobacco is marketed.

Rank said that this determination does not affect the previously announced requirement that, when the allotment and quota are transferred from one farm to another, payment of consideration for the lease may not be made before the first marketing of the tobacco. This requirement, under the Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983, is in effect for the 1985 and 1986 crops.

"The 1983 Act also called for a similar requirement beginning with the 1985 crop, insofar as reasonably practicable, when an allotment and quota are used in growing tobacco on the farm where the allotment and quota are established," Rank said.

"A total of 974 people submitted written comments," Rank said. "The overwhelming majority opposed restrictions on the timing of payments when the crop is grown on the farm to which the allotment and quota are established. The majority of those commenting stated that financial arrangements for the payment of flue-cured leases varied considerably from producer to producer and are based upon numerous factors that USDA could not adequately and equitably address." In addition, these comments indicated that such a requirement could not be effectively administered.

After considering all comments received, Rank said, USDA has determined that, in cases where the tobacco is grown on the farm

where the allotment and quota are established, it is not practicable to require that none of the consideration for the lease of the allotment and quota has been or will be paid until after the tobacco is marketed.

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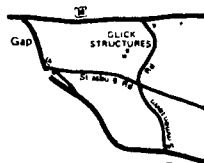
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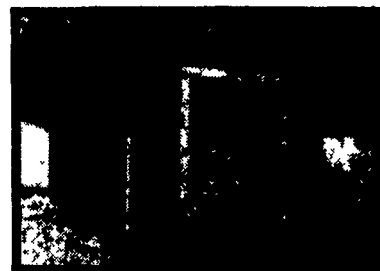
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